



# ***INSIGHTS***

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# I. WEEKLY SUMMARY

*This week will be another light week of energy-related legislative activity.*

## HOUSE

*No activity of interest has been scheduled.*

## SENATE

*No activity of interest has been scheduled.*

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

### *FY 2002 Appropriations*

This week conferees are expected to begin meeting on ***H.R. 2620 – FY 2002 Appropriations for Veterans' Affairs, Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies*** (includes funding for the Environmental Protection Agency). Tuesday, November 6 is the tentative date for conferees to meet; however, negotiations may be delayed because of a controversy brewing in the House over biannual budget legislation pending before the Committee on Rules.

Last week, the House and Senate approved ***Conference Report 10-258 for FY 2002 Appropriations for Energy and Water Development***. Key provisions of interest include the following:

**Department of Energy - Renewable energy funding levels include the following:**

- **Solar Energy** - \$95 million (Concentrating Solar Power, Photovoltaic Energy Systems, Solar Building Technology, Million Solar Roofs, etc.)
- **Electric Systems and Storage** - \$63 million (Transmission/Reliability, Superconductivity, Storage)
- **Biomass/Biofuels** - \$94 million
- **Geothermal** - \$29 million
- **Hydrogen** - \$31 million
- **Hydropower** - \$5.3 million
- **Wind** - \$41 million
- **Renewable Support and Implementation** \$14.5 million
- **NREL** - \$5 million

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## II. COMMITTEE ACTIVITY

### HOUSE

#### Comments or Action Items

***Energy Security*** On Thursday, November 1, the Subcommittee on Energy (Committee on Science) held a hearing to examine options to decrease petroleum use in the transportation sector. The subcommittee assembled a diverse panel of experts who advised subcommittee members that the U.S. must use a variety of technologies to increase the use of alternative fuels and improve energy efficiency. **Sherwood Boehlert (R/NY), Chairman of the Committee on Science said, “whether it is by securing our computer systems, protecting the safety of our water supplies or reducing our dependence on foreign countries for petroleum supplies, we must seek and support cutting edge research to solve these great challenges. Increased energy conservation and efficiency in the transportation sector is certainly part of the solution.”** The panel of witnesses included James Woolsey, Former C.I.A. Director; **David Garman, Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, DOE;** Gregory Dana, Vice President, Environmental Affairs, Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers; Robert Burnette, on behalf of the Electric Vehicles Association of the Americas; David Doniger, Climate Center, Natural Resources Defense Council; and James MacKenzie, Senior Associate, Climate, Energy and Pollution Program, World Resources Institute. Subcommittee Chair Roscoe Bartlett (R/MD) concluded the hearing by stating that “the transition to these new technologies may be gradual, but as the events of September 11<sup>th</sup> demonstrate, we just do not have the luxury of time.”

### SENATE

#### Comments or Action Items

***Comprehensive Energy Legislation*** The Committee on Finance, which plans to mark up an economic stimulus bill soon may also have to address energy and environmental issues. That is because both Democrats and Republicans are considering adding proposals high on their respective agendas. Minority Leader Trent Lott (R/LA) recently announced that Republicans plan to attach their comprehensive energy bill to the economic stimulus bill. Their bill is expected to include provisions to explore and drill for oil and gas in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) and address energy efficiency issues such as energy tax credits, Corporate Average Fuel Efficiency standards, and ethanol production. It is not clear whether the Republican proposal would include *H.R. 4*, comprehensive energy legislation approved by the House or selected provisions of that bill.

Democrats are opposed to the Republican support for ANWR and are expected to push for a public works program along with domestic infrastructure security provisions. No specific agenda has been announced for the introduction of either the Democratic or Republican provisions.

***Real Property Reform*** Last week, on behalf of the Administration, Fred Thompson (R/TN) introduced *S. 1612 - Managerial Flexibility Act* to implement the Administration’s proposal to provide Federal agencies new and enhanced management options including real property reform. Senator Thompson serves as the Ranking Minority Member on the Committee on Governmental Reform. The provisions of the bill, which is not yet available in print, was outlined in detail in the October 22, 2001, issue of *INSIGHTS: 107<sup>th</sup> Congress*. To review those provisions click on: <http://www.eren.doe.gov/femp/resources/pdfs/1022insights.pdf> and select “administration initiatives.”  
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# STATUS OF FY 2002 APPROPRIATIONS BILLS

(In Billions)

## HOUSE

## SENATE

<i>Jurisdiction/ FY 2002 Budget Request</i>	<i>302(b) Allocations / Approved Funding Level</i>	<i>Bill No.</i>	<i>Full Cmte.</i>	<i>Floor</i>	<i>Conf.</i>	<i>302(b) Allocations /Approved Funding Level</i>	<i>Bill No.</i>	<i>Full Cmte.</i>	<i>Floor</i>	<i>Conf.</i>
<b>Agriculture</b> \$ 15.409	\$ 15.519 \$ 15.669	<i>H.R.</i> 2330	June 13	July 13		\$ 16.092 \$16.4	<i>S.</i> 1191	July 17	Oct. 25	
<b>Commerce</b> \$ 37.944	\$ 38.541 \$38.5	<i>H.R.</i> 2500	July 13	July 19		\$38.760 \$41.49	<i>S.</i> 1215	July 19	Sept. 13	
<b>Defense</b> \$300.962	\$300.292	—	Oct. 24			\$298.568				
<b>Energy and Water Development</b> \$ 22.517	\$ 23.704 \$ 23.7	<i>H.R.</i> 2311	June 25	June 28	Nov. 1	\$ 25.129 \$ 25.1	<i>S.</i> 1171	July 12	July 19	Nov. 1
<b>Interior</b> \$ 18,092	\$ 18.941 \$ 18.9	<i>H.R.</i> 2217	June 13	June 21	Oct. 17	\$ 18.527 \$ 18.5	<i>H.R.</i> 2217	June 28	July 12	Oct. 17
<b>Labor / HHS</b> \$115.682	\$119.758	<i>H.R.</i> 3061	Oct. 9			\$119.000	<i>S.</i> 1536	Oct. 11		
<b>Military Construction</b> \$ 9.650	\$ 10.155	<i>H.R.</i> 2904	Sept. 20	Sept. 21	Oct. 17	\$ 9.649	<i>S.</i> 1460	Sept. 25	Sept. 26	Oct. 18
<b>Transportation</b> \$ 14.891	\$ 14.893 \$ 14.9	<i>H.R.</i> 2299	June 20	June 26		\$ 15,579	<i>S.</i> 1178	July 12	August 1	
<b>Treasury</b> \$ 16.488	\$ 16.880 \$ 17.0	<i>H.R.</i> 2590	July 17	July 25	Oct. 31	\$ 16.972	<i>S.</i> 1398	July 26		Nov. 1
<b>VA/HUD</b> \$ 83.683	\$ 84.159	<i>H.R.</i> 2620	July 17	July 31		\$ 84.053 \$ 84.05	<i>S.</i> 1216	July 19	August 2	
<b>Total 302(b) Allocations/ FY 2002 Budget Request</b> \$658.792										

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## III. NEW LEGISLATION

### HOUSE

*No new bills of interest were introduced last week, which are available for review.*

### SENATE

*No new bills of interest were introduced last week, which are available for review.*

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## IV. ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVES

*No new initiatives of interest have been announced.*

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## V. HEARINGS SCHEDULE

### HOUSE – APPROPRIATIONS

*No new hearings, mark ups, or votes have been scheduled.*

### HOUSE – AUTHORIZATIONS/OVERSIGHT

*No new hearings, mark ups, or votes have been scheduled.*

### SENATE – APPROPRIATIONS

*No new hearings, mark ups, or votes have been scheduled.*

### SENATE – AUTHORIZATIONS/OVERSIGHT

*No new hearings, mark ups, or votes have been scheduled.*

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE NEGOTIATIONS

Date/	Hearing Title/Issues	Time/Location
<i>Week of November</i> 5 – Conference Committee	<b>Conference Committee Negotiations – FY</b> <b>2002 Appropriations for Veterans’</b> <b>Affairs, Housing and Urban</b> <b>Development, and Independent Agencies</b>	U.S. Capitol

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